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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A computerized component architecture for medical device systems, comprising:

a body of software components having standardized software interfaces to medical device interface instruments and implantable medical devices (IMDs); and

at least one hardware module capable of executing the software components, with the at least one hardware module being deployable to multiple types of medical device interface instruments; said hardware module having means for communication with a data communications network, and with a medical device external to the hardware module, wherein said medical device interface instruments include the group consisting of: medical device programmers, medical device communication extenders, medical device system analyzers, and medical device monitors.

- 2. (Previously Presented) The computerized component architecture for medical device systems of claim 1, wherein at least one hardware module has processing and telemetry capabilities.
- 3. (Previously Presented) The computerized component architecture for medical device systems of claim 1, wherein at least one hardware module is installed within an interface instrument, to which it is deployable.
- 4. (Previously Presented) The computerized component architecture for medical device systems of claim 1, wherein the component software architecture is optimized to be executed on the hardware module.
- 5. 25. (Cancelled)